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Help To Smash Waterside Mall!

The public is invited to call 703-769-1216 by Thurs. Oct. 25 for reservations to attend a Thurs. Nov. 1, 4 -6 pm "Demolition Party" on the plaza in back of 401 M St. SW. (See ad page 5). Following are some details: the plaza is in the back of the building and we will have directional signage in the front. We anticipate people walking up through the building from the front so we will open the mall for that day. We need to have the RSVP so that we need to know how much food to order, we are starting with a target of 300 and will adjust accordingly. We will not issue tickets but will have a check in at the entrance. We anticipate ordering 30% over to cover some walk ups, but it is discourage and we will have to close it up once we run out of food. It is going to be tricky.

We will have a wrecking crane there that will smack the side of the building with a huge ball that we are inviting everyone to sign during the event. CityArts will be there because we anticipate doing a mural for the community.

Arena Stage Q&A Oct. 29, Nov 6; Breaks Ground in Jan.

Arena Stage has set two public meetings to explain its plans to move for three years to Crystal City, Va., starting with performances in January. Their release states in part, "... we would like to invite you to attend an **Audience Forum** to ask us questions about the building, your tickets, our temporary home at Crystal City or anything else you may want to know... We have planned two dates: **Monday, October 29th** and **Tuesday, November 6th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kreeger. These events will include a presentation about the design of the Mead Center and about all that Crystal City has to offer us during this transition time."

"Please let us know you plan on attending by calling (202) 488-3300 at least three days before the event of your choice.



"After planning our new home for many years and raising more than \$104 million toward our \$125 million goal, we are thrilled to announce that **we will break ground in January 2008**.

"Arena Stage will move to a temporary home in Crystal City,

VA at the Crystal Forum. A five minute drive from our current location in Southwest DC, the Crystal Forum is close to Reagan National Airport and **one block away from the Crystal City Metro station**, which is serviced by both the Blue and Yellow Metro lines."



Football for Youth in SW

Dervell Williams, quarterback for King-Greenleaf Wolf Pack 75 pound team is shown avoiding tacklers from Emory Recreation Center at a game at King-Greenleaf Field.

(continued on p. 8 – YOUTH FOOTBALL AT SW FIELDS)

Next SWNA Public Meeting – Mon. Oct. 22

By Peter Atlee, SWNA Board

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be meeting at St. Augustine's church at 7:30 PM on Monday, October 22. Please join SWNA for light refreshments and presentations on AIDS, the Randall School, and a community development update.

Metro Teen AIDS has been invited to present information on AIDS and testing in the DC-area. Westley Branch, former attendee of the Randall School, has been invited to discuss the school's history, and a representative from The Corcoran School of Art will follow Mr. Branch to discuss the future of the school. Gordon Fraley has also been invited to discuss the current status of the Waterside Mall and the scheduled public "Demolition Party" Nov. 1. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Tax Seminar At Westminster Nov. 1

"How, When and Where to File Your Taxes"

is a seminar being held on
Thursday, November 1st
from 12 noon until 1:30 PM

at Westminster Church, 4th and I Street, S. W.

Topics of interest to retirees will also be presented.
The seminar is free and no food will be provided.

The presenter is Leon E. Hurd, MBA, an experienced tax professional who resides in Southwest DC.

For information, contact him at 202-479-0071.

D.C. Energy Expo Sat., Nov. 10

A free public event at the D.C. Convention Center Nov. 10 will introduce D.C. residential consumers to the latest in energy efficiency technology, renewable energy rebate programs, sources of funding and energy efficiency financing. It is part of *"Make D.C. Green, One Resident at a Time"*. The event will also feature a variety of vendors, hands on demonstrations and energy efficiency product giveaways.

The convention center is on the Metro Green and Yellow lines and Bus Route 70 or 71.

The Expo is in rooms 101-2 A&B. For information contact the D.C. Office of the People's Counsel, 202-727-3071.

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Mary Kay Award For Thelma Jones

Thelma Jones, SW activist and former SWNA President, continues to win awards with her company as an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics. She has been among the top consultants for ten years, recently being 8th among 144 other Mary Kay representatives.

Her voluntary work in Southwest has been legendary, including this year contributing to the SW Washington Collaborative Health Fair, Bread for Life homeless feeding ministry at St. Augustine's church, school supply distribution for SW children, supporting Jazz Night at Westminster Church, and the programs of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, among others.

Meanwhile, battling to survive a rare form of breast cancer, she distributes literature supporting breast cancer research and self-examination, as well as helping end "the epidemic of violence against women."

She offers local residents (both men and women) a complimentary facial (by appointment only)

Seniors at King - Greenleaf

Special events for Sassy Seniors at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 1st and N St. SW; Wed. Oct. 24, Water Quality Workshop — "How Global Warming Affects Water Sustainability, 11 am; Wed. Oct. 31, Carnival Festive Costume Party, 11:30 am - 2 pm; Wed. Nov. 7 Nutrition Workshop, "Food Safety for Seniors." 11am; Thurs. Nov. 15, Diabetic Nerve Pain Educational Program, 11 am; Mon. Nov. 19 Grandparents Support Group, 11:30 pm; Tues., Nov. 20 Thanksgiving luncheon, 11:30 am; Wed., Nov. 28th Leaky Faucets, 11 am; Thurs. Nov. 29, Arthritis Workshop, 11:30 am.

Tickets are now on sale for a bus trip to see the play, "Miracle of Christmas" at Strasburg, Penna., Wed. Dec. 5. \$68 covers bus ride and ticket for play, leaving at 8 am Wed. Dec. 5. Call 202-549-0060.

For regular weekly schedule of morning and afternoon games and classes, call Mrs. Kim Campbell, 202-645-7454.

Southwest Community Calendar

WED. OCT. 17 SEU Gala, Washington Hilton 6 pm auction 7:30 Dinner.

FRI. OCT. 19, deadline to get on the list for the Tues. Oct. 23, 10 am walking tour of Ft. McNair, Call SWNA Secretary Meg Brinckman to reserve. 202-554-2259.

MON. OCT. 22 SWNA Public Meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm.

WED. OCT. 24 Canal Park Connector Project charette- St. Peter's Church 2nd & C St. SE, 6-9 pm.

THURS. OCT. 25 NARFE, SW Library 3rd & K SW, 12:30 pm.

THURS. OCT. 25 Molly Smith's 10th anniversary, Arena Stage, 6th & Maine Ave. SW.

THURS. OCT. 25 Flu shots at Safeway, 401 M St. SW, walkin, 3pm-7pm.

THURS OCT 25 deadline to reserve space at Mall Demolition Party on Nov 1 - 703-769-1216.

SAT. OCT. 27 Wilson High Homecoming, Nebraska & Chesapeake Ave. NW entrance, 11:30 am.

MON. OCT 29 Arena Stage explains move to Crystal City - Kreeger stage, 1101 6th St. SW, 7 pm.

WED. OCT. 31 Halloween

THURS NOV 1 demolition party 4pm-6 pm.

FRI. NOV. 2 Arts Ball of the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, St. Mark's Church, 3rd & A St. SE, 7:30 pm.

SUN. NOV. 4 Jazz Vespers, Christ United Methodist Church, 4th and I (Eye) St. SW, 5 pm.

TUES. NOV. 6 Police Advisory meeting, 415 4th St. SW, 7 pm.

TUES. NOV. 6 Arena Stage second meeting to explain move to Crystal City - Kreeger stage, 1101 6th St SW, 7 pm.

MON. NOV. 12 Veterans Day Holiday

MON. NOV. 12 ANC meeting open to public, St. A's, 6th and Maine Ave. SW, 7 pm.

THURS. NOV. 15 Council Member Tommy Wells, office hours, Channel Inn, 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

Please submit calendar items for October events to voice mail - 202-554-8560 or by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com or by US mail to PO Box 70131 by Wednesday, November 7.



650 Water St. SW, 8-9:30 am.

THURS. NOV. 15 Police Service Area 104 public meeting - Greeleaf Seniors, 1200 Delaware Ave. SW, community room, 7pm to 8:30 pm.

TUES. NOV 20 Power to End Strokes - health checks -, Friendship Bapt. Ch, Delaware and I (Eye) St SW, 9am.

WED. NOV. 21 AARP, River Park, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, 12 noon.

THURS. NOV. 29 Thanksgiving Holiday.
WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

Labyrinth Walk - First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chai at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

FRIDAYS - FARMERS Market at US Dept. of Ag, 12th & Independence Ave. SW near Smithsonian METRO. 10am - 2 pm.

TUESDAYS - FARMERS Market at US Dept. of Transportation new headquarters at New Jersey Ave. SE & M St. SE; near Navy Yard METRO, limited parking, some a block north at L St. SE. 10am - 2 pm.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm- Practice GED test - free - takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

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Painting Historic Call Boxes

By Lida Churchville

The Southwest Call Box Painting project is underway: our partnership with the Earth Conservation Corps calls for the Corps painting our community's historic police and fire call boxes colors reflecting the riches of the Southwest community: its water, its sky, and its cherry blossoms.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, SWNA



SWNA Board members Farid Ben Amor, left, and Perry Klein test color sample for painting the basic form of several dozen historic fire call boxes in Near Southwest, before the Earth Conservation Corps takes on the task. Artists will later be enlisted to create distinctive artwork in each call box, "as artistic displays that will incorporate local history."

board members Farid Ben Amor and Perry Klein started painting a "model" call box in front of the Metro elevator at 4th and M Streets so that the Corps painters would have a model call box as an example.

The DC Heritage Tourism Coalition is sponsoring the Art On Call program in DC neighborhoods and arranging grants. Some communities with historic call boxes already designed are Dupont Circle, Ten-

leytown and the Foxhall Community.

The SW Call Box Committee is looking for volunteers - please call 479-2750 if you are interested in working on this

community project. We need help in providing the oversight required of our partnership with the Earth Conservation Corps.

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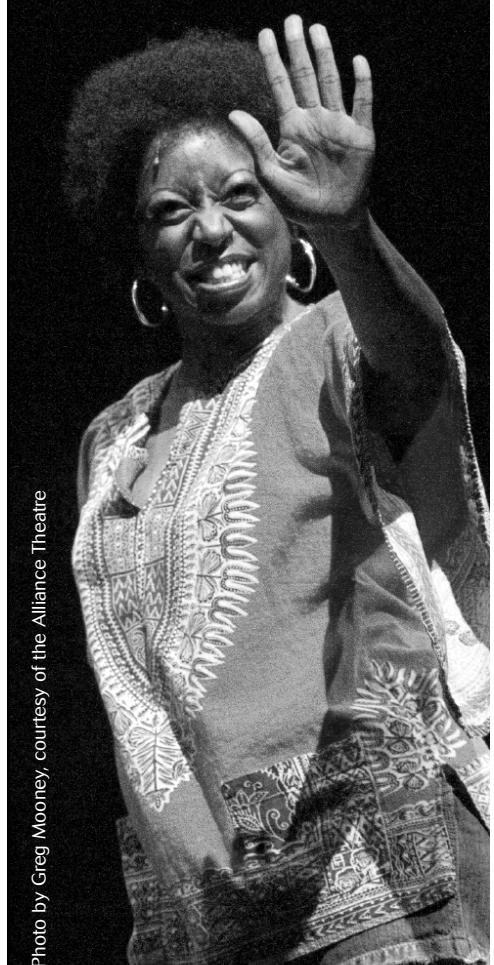


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Earth Conservation Corps at Sep. SWNA

By Lida Churchville,
SWNA Board Member

After a brief summer break, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly opened its 2007-2008 season of monthly community meetings with a September 24th program announcing SWNA's partnership with the Earth Conservation Corps on a Call Box painting project scheduled to begin in October.

Introduced by SWNA Advisory Board member Thelma Jones, Glen O'Gillie, President and CEO of the Earth Conservation Corps, spoke on the history of the Corps, its current efforts and future plans to restore the river and lives of disconnected youth, and its interest in providing service to the community. O'Gillie expressed his interest in working with the Call Box Committee to restore Southwest's historic police and fire call boxes, installed as early as the 1860s in order to summon emergency help. With the help of the Earth Conservation Corps, Southwest DC will become the home of dozens of call boxes restored as historic works of art painted to represent our waterfront community. Following O'Gillie's informative presentation, the Corps' Program Coordinator, LaShaunta Moore-Reynolds, spoke on her experiences with the Corps with descriptions that made the Earth Conservation Corps, its members, and its activities come alive for the audience.

The evening's program ended with a



Police Historian Nicholas Breul

lively and informative talk by the newly-named Police Historian, Nicholas Breul. Sergeant Breul reported on his recent assignment as the first full-time historian for the DC Police Department. As part of the "Project Pride Restoration" effort to raise awareness of the Police Department's history, Breul is responsible for locating and organizing all kinds of DC police lore; however, at the SWNA community meeting, he concentrated on tales about police and fire call boxes throughout their history. After the meeting, Sergeant Breul and Senior Police Office Kenneth Stewart stayed and showed Southwest neighbors pictures, maps and charts related to the location of DC call boxes.



Wilson High's football team plays on its new artificial turf, with a new track around it.

Ann's Beauty Supply Shop

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Maine Ave. Waterfront Discussion

(A bold design for renewing the waterfront on Maine Ave. SW and the Washington Channel – including new piers and a ship channel cut through Hains Point, was unveiled at a public meeting at Southeastern University on Sep. 19. Elinor Bacon, a member of the development team, prepared the following summary).

By Elinor Bacon

"The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development



and Hoffman-Struever Waterfront, LLC, (HSW) the Master Developer for the Southwest Waterfront, held a Community Forum on Wednesday, September 19th at Southeastern University, to introduce the development team to the community, to share preliminary design concepts for the revitalized waterfront and to engage the community to hear their ideas, concerns and hopes for the redevelopment.

More than 200 community members attended and attendees were enthusiasm-

tic, supportive and excited, and anxious for the development to start.

Elinor Bacon, HSW, gave an introduction and she was followed by a welcome by Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, President of SEU. Jay Juergensen spoke on behalf of Deputy Mayor, Neil Albert, about the importance of the development to the District. Councilman Tommy Wells provided perspectives on the development as a key in the overall revitalization of Ward 6. Monty Hoffman and Bill Struever spoke about the Team, the Vision for the project and Neighborhood Transformation.

Stan Eckstut, Ehrenkrantz, Eckstut and Kuhn, Master Planners for the Southwest, discussed the team's focus to start from the water side and to design a water plan which would inform the



and bold concept plan which included pier buildings, public piers including a City Dock to welcome visitors from around the world and provide public access to the water, small streets and parks to provide view corridors, a narrow wharf street along the water's edge reminiscent of historic waterfronts, buildings of various sizes and configura-

enjoyment.

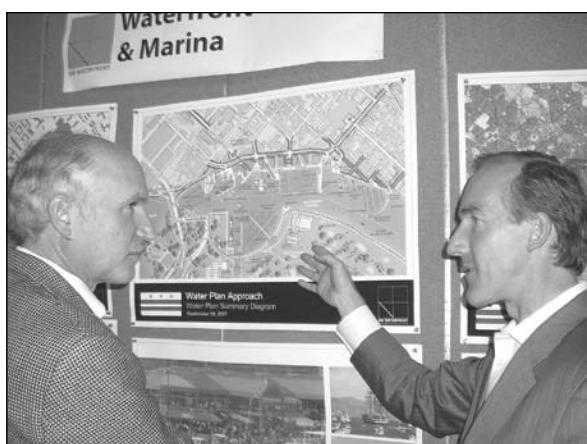
The entire Hoffman-Struever Waterfront team joined the speakers for discussion following the presentations, including: Barry Johnson, Acresh; Geoffrey Griffis, City partners; Desa Sealy Ruffin, Gotham Development; Freddie Lewis Archer, Lewis Real Estate Services and Triden Development; Daniel Perl, McCormack Baron Salazar; and Mark Cain, Smoot Construction.

Nina Albert, ODMPED, moderated the discussion which was followed by an opportunity to interact with the team one-on-one and learn more about various aspects of the development including sustainable design; jobs and job training; contracting opportunities for local small disadvantaged businesses; affordable housing and transportation.

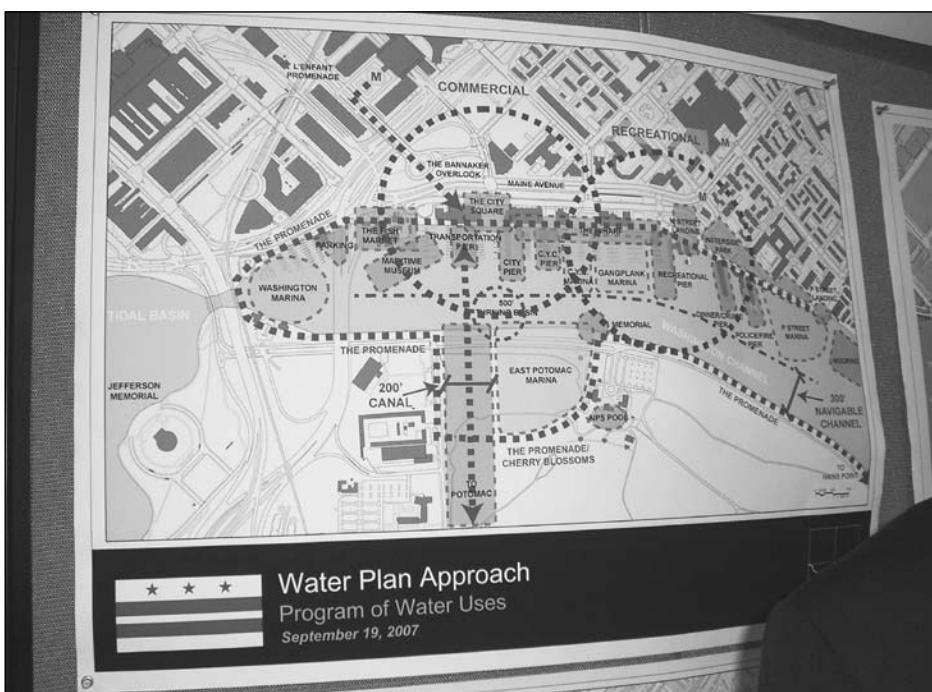
Community members are urged to visit the HSW website, www.swdcwaterfront.com, where there will be project updates, bid opportunities, information about jobs and training and where questions can be asked and answered."



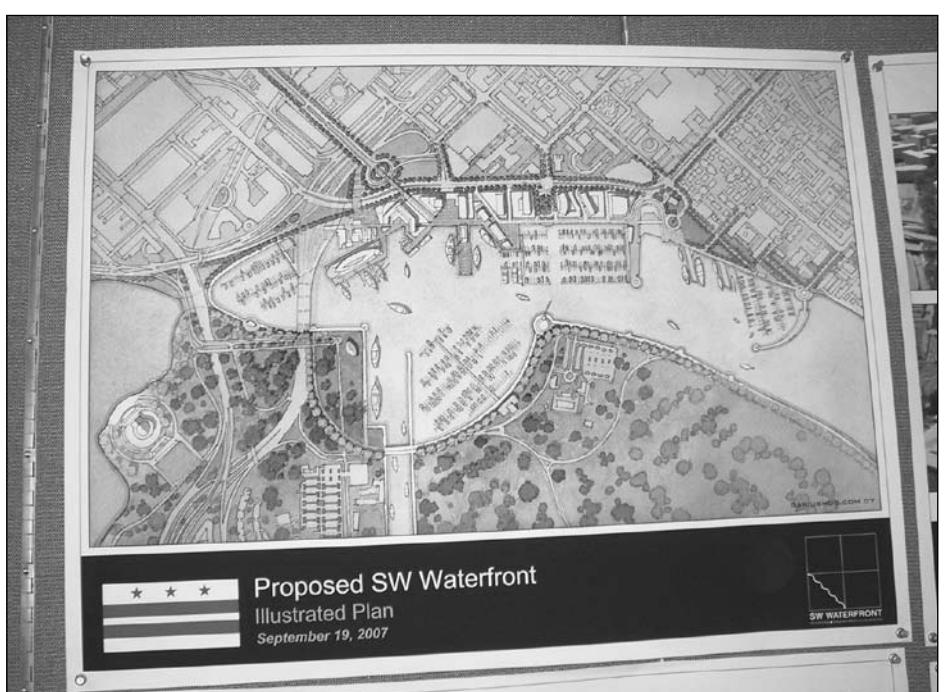
land plan. Eckstut showed an exciting



tions to house hotels, offices, residential with market and affordable housing, restaurants and neighborhood retail, and a beautiful promenade, a central plaza in the active north end of the site which could be used for festivals, farmers markets, etc., a large park and other open spaces for activity and for quiet



Panels on display at the PN Hoffman meeting include these possible plans for a ship channel through Hains Point and distribution of yachts and sailboats among four marinas.

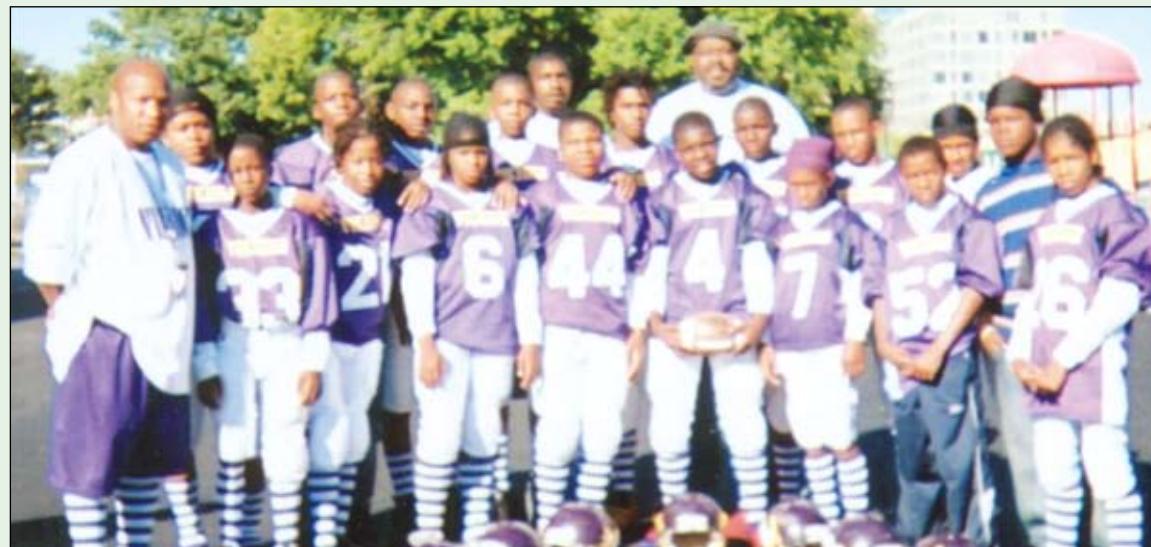


Youth Football at Southwest Fields

King-Greenleaf Rec, Amdion field and Jefferson Middle School field have been the scenes of active competition between teen and pre-teen SW youth and others from around the city.

Police Boys and Girls Club #4 has two teams, King-Greenleaf Rec has two teams and Jefferson has a school team. In addition, graduates of these programs are now playing with high school teams at Wilson and other senior highs.

Playoffs for King-Greenleaf's teams and other Parks and Recreation Dept. teams will be at Roosevelt High field on 13th St. NW on Saturdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 at times to be announced. Before then the fall schedule will wind up with any make-up games necessary at King-Greenleaf field Wed., Oct. 24. Final regular season games for the two Wolf Pack teams will be at 11:30 pm Sat. Oct. 27, one at King-Greenleaf and one at Roosevelt.



Club #4 Vikings 115 lb. team:

(front row- left to right: Coach Tony Parry, #33 Calvin Franklin, #21 Morriko Washington, #6 Keonte Bailey, #5 Tyrik Haygood, #44 DeAndre Covington, #4 Daqual Covington, #7 Rico Robinson, #52 Hassiem Epps, #26 William Curtis.

Back row, left to right - #Rontrez Purcell, #42 Donte Graves, #8 Brandon Boykins, Assn't Coach Jay Hamilton, #25 Kenard Adams, #56 Marcus Mclean, #9 John Marlow, #52 Daquan Paige, Officer Gibson.

Club #4 Vikings 90 lb. team:

Front row (l to r) Derrick Thorton, Terrel Brown, Jamal Kingsberry, James Guerrero, Tmar Cunningham, Sequan Thomas, Nicholas Moses, and Leonard Campbell.

Second row left to right: Marcus Shephard, Anthony Jones, Jabaar Shabazz, Clifford Dyson, Sydney Harts, Ted Anderson, Deandre Hunt, Keith Jones.

Third row, left to right: Erick Thompson, DeAndre Sams, Travon Avent and John Newkirk.

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